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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Dear Supervisors:

RECOMMENDATION REGARDING ALLOCATION OF REWARD FUNDS RELATING TO THE MURDERS OF DENNIS MOSES AND BREON TAYLOR (ALL DISTRICTS) (3-VOTES)

SUBJECT

Board approval is being requested for the distribution of a reward in the amount of \$20,000 to be paid from the Board's discretionary funds.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Approve the recommendation of the Reward Committee to distribute rewards in the amount of \$6,666.66 to Claimant No. 1, and \$6,666.67 to Claimant No. 2 and Claimant No. 3 who provided information to law enforcement that led to the apprehension and conviction of Izac McCloud and Jonzel Stringer who were responsible for the murders of Breon Taylor and Dennis Moses, and attempted murder of Ryan Gaines and 46 additional victims.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

On January 19, 2008, at approximately 10:30 p.m., Breon Taylor and Dennis Moses were shot and killed while attending a birthday party at the Masonic Lodge located in east Long Beach that had over 400 people in attendance. Subsequently, on January 29, 2008, your Board approved a motion by Supervisor Knabe to offer two separate \$10,000 rewards for any information leading to the apprehension and/or conviction of the person or persons responsible for the murders of Dennis Moses and Breon Taylor.

During the investigation Long Beach Police Homicide Detectives identified three main witnesses who helped bring the defendants Jonzel Stringer and Izac McCloud to justice.

On January 22, 2008 Claimant No. 1 contacted one of the detectives and provided information and the name of one witness to the shooting. Claimant No. 1 did not testify during the proceeding but attended and assisted detectives and the District Attorney with several high school witnesses who attended Jordan High School, including a uncooperative witness who initially assisted in the case. Claimant No. 1's participation and testimony assisted detectives in identifying suspects Izac McCloud and Jonzel Stringer and a possible motive for the shooting.

In addition, on January 22, 2008, Claimant No. 2 provided detectives with a clothing description of what one of the suspects was wearing while attending a baby shower and at the party earlier in the day. Claimant No. 2 also identified one of the suspects from a DMV color photo, and told detectives that suspect was inside the party with a handgun standing by the door near the area where the shooting occurred. Claimant No. 2 also testified at the Grand Jury in August of 2008 and during the jury trial in August of 2010.

On February 8, 2008, Claimant No. 3 was contacted by Detectives and provided detectives with statements made by both defendants prior to the incident which led to their convictions.

Claimant No. 3 stated that both defendants admitted being the shooters in the case, identified where both defendants lived, the type of weapon used in the shooting, and that the defendants disposed of the murder weapon after the shooting. Claimant No. 3 testified at the Grand Jury in August of 2008 and during the jury trial in August of 2010.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Approval of the above recommendation supports the County Strategic Goal of Service Excellence. Publication in local newspapers and posting of reward notices on the County website may encourage persons to provide information to law enforcement which could lead to the apprehension and/or conviction of the individuals who commit crimes, thereby improving the quality of life to residents of Los Angeles County by removing such individuals from the community.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The Board of Supervisors established a \$20,000 reward fund. Pursuant to provisions in the County Code, the reward is to be paid from the Board of Supervisors' discretionary funds in equal shares of \$4,000 from each Supervisor's budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

In 1993, the Board of Supervisors adopted an amendment to the County Code establishing procedures for offering cash rewards for information leading to the apprehension and/or conviction of persons guilty of criminal acts. Your Board, from time to time has offered such rewards to encourage citizens to come forward and assist law enforcement with their investigations.

The action recommended is in compliance with the County Code, Title 4 - Revenue and Finance relating to rewards; and specifically Section 4.50.010B which states, "conviction of the person or persons responsible for the crime shall be required for payment of a reward unless the Board of Supervisors makes a finding of impossibility of conviction due to the death or incapacity of such person and persons."

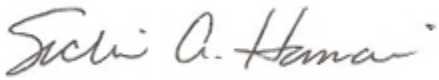
The Notice of Reward Offered was posted on the Board of Supervisors' website and published in the

Long Beach Press Telegram. In addition, copies were provided to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of this recommendation does not impact other current County or projects.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Sachi A. Hamai". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a small mark at the end.

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Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

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Chief Executive Officer
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County Counsel